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HEMPSTEAD, Tex., Feb. 11.—To-day the grand jury returned bills of indictment against Reuben Boulware, Joe Wood and T. G. Wallingford, charging them with the murder of Charles Quinn at Fields Store ballot box on the 8th day of November last.

The defendants at once made application for a trial of habeas corpus asking to be allowed bail until the case is called for trial next week. Judge Reese ordered the issuance of the writ and proceeded this evening to hear evidence. The case will not be disposed of before Monday evening next.

A witness before the grand jury yesterday evening refused to answer a question. The matter was reported to Judge Reese, who ordered the sheriff to bring the man before the court. The judge informed the witness that he was doing very wrong and told him the consequences of his action. "Now, sir, I will give you the choice of returning to the grand jury room and answer questions or I will order the clerk to enter a fine of \$100 and the sheriff to place you in jail until you do answer." The witness promised to act the part of a good citizen and was told to "go and sin no more."